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ABSTRACT:

A method for recording and reporting fault information pertaining to various components of an aircraft. The method involves recording a diverse plurality of information output from various line replaceable units (LRU's) and other components of the aircraft during takeoff, flight and landing through the use of a bulk storage device, such as an optical quick access recorder (OQAR), on an electronic medium. The electronic medium is then removed from the aircraft after landing and read by an appropriate apparatus. From this information a service technician is able to determine whether or not a fault indication recorded during flight is in fact a legitimate fault requiring the affected LRU to be removed from the aircraft for further diagnostic testing. The method significantly reduces the incidents of no-fault-found diagnostic test results and saves significant man hours which would otherwise be spent testing LRU's and other components which are in fact operating properly. Alternative embodiments of the method disclose making all information from the LRUs available and using multiple overlays to systematically reduce the data to

be recorded when the data proves to be too voluminous to record. The prioritizing of information is also disclosed so that LRU data of lesser importance is eliminated from consideration before more important information. The preferred methods minimize on aircraft data interpretation rendering unnecessary on-board maintenance processors and technicians for LRU troubleshooting.

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A method for wirelessly communicating data between a plurality of avionics units on an aircraft and a data communication apparatus. The method includes wirelessly communicating download data for one avionics unit from the data communication apparatus from an aircraft data services link in the aircraft; electronically switching a communication path from the aircraft data services link to the avionics unit responsive to the download data; and electronically communicating the download data from the data communication apparatus to the avionics unit via the electronically switched communication path.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application Ser. No. 60/268,085, filed Feb. 13, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. This application is also related to a commonly-assigned U.S. Patent

Application of the same inventors entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE INITIATION OF ARINC 615 DOWNLOADS", Attorney Docket No. 7784-000338, filed on even date herewith, which is also incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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